

SECTION NE-4B 2017-2018 PLAN BOOK

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Chiefly Speaking

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Brothers,

Much like the theme of the 2001 NE-4B Conclave the Section is “Ever Striving, Ever Thriving”. As we reflect on all of the great things we have done this past year it just leaves us wondering what our future has instore. “From the History of Our Past Comes the Path to Our Future” (Conclave 2010) some of our recent successes that we have had as a Section include but and certainly not limited to another great SALLS, much successful fundraising, and I don’t think anyone who was in attendance to the 2017 Conclave will be able to forget all of the good times that came out of that.

As we go throughout this year I want to “Echo our Past” (Conclave 2014) in a way that keeps the motivation that we have going throughout the rest of this upcoming Section year. There are many great things ahead of us and the only thing that currently stands between us and greatness is time and effort. This year I am looking forward to working with the COC and Banquet Chairman/Advisor to pull off the first ever Section Fellowship Banquet. This is going to be a task that not any one of us can do alone, but only through the help and support of others will we be able to achieve a successful Banquet that many will remember for years to come. This Banquet is going to be an event that is a day filled with activities, food, trainings, more food, patches, even more food and Fellowship! Everything any Boy Scout program needs to be a success. (Eat, Buy, Do) Along with the Banquet I am looking forward to continuing our fundraising efforts to continue to provide quality programs for the members of the Lodges in the Section. These programs include Conclave, the Banquet, OAHA Scholarships and much more.

As we move forward onto what awaits in our future I feel it is also appropriate to reflect back on our past briefly. I’d personally like to thank Wagon for all of the hard work that they put into hosting Conclave 2017! Conclave this year was one of my absolute favorites of all times and I can’t wait to work with Allohak Menewi this upcoming year to make Conclave 2018 just as eventful and memorable!

Yours in Service,



Aaron Coffman

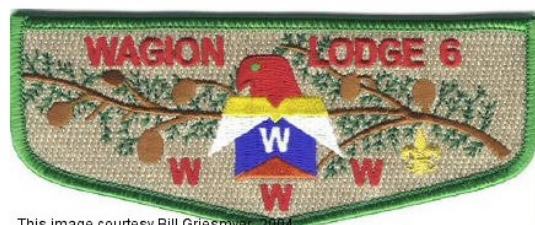
2016-2018 Section NE-4B Chief

Section NE-4B Lodges

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Section NE-4B currently consists of four lodges:

Wagion Lodge #6—Westmoreland/Fayette Council



This image courtesy Bill Griesmyer, 2004.

Allohak Menewi Lodge #57—Laurel Highlands Council



Monaken Lodge #103—Juniata Valley Council



Kuskitantee Lodge #168—Moraine Trails Council



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2016-2017 Section Leadership

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1. Replace SALLS with a day long Fellowship Banquet filled with activities, trainings, and fellowship.
2. Look for ways to help the Section's finances to fund future programs including, but not limited to our Fellowship Banquet, OAHA Scholarships, and Conclave
3. Start a Lodge Exchange Program to help build bonds between the Lodges in the Section.
4. Promote OA High Adventure and run a successful scholarship campaign.
5. Bi-Annual Section e-newsletter
6. Help plan and prepare for a successful 2018 Conclave.
7. Help lodges with their yearly program, staying in frequent contact with the chiefs.
8. Keep Section website and social media channels up to date.
9. Transmit Regional and National news and updates to Section members.
10. Make Section operations and business run smoothly and successfully.
11. Continue our SG Trading Post
12. JTE Gold 2018

History of Section NE-4B

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The BSA breaks the nation into Regions and the Regions into Areas. The area Director may decide to form Sections to help administer the functions of the OA Lodges within the Region. On June 3, 1973, Representatives from eight lodges from Area 3-B and Area 3-F met at the Moraine Trails Council office in Butler, PA to form NE-5C. Section NE-5C included the western third of Pennsylvania, from Maryland to New York. The first annual Section Conclave was held on June 7-9, 1974, at Indiana University of Pennsylvania with Nachamawat Lodge #275 as the service lodge. In 1988, a re-alignment of the Sections in the Northeast Region took place. Section NE-5C became Section NE-5, and two lodges, Monaken #103, and Ho-Nan-Ne-Ho-Ont #165, were assigned to the Section.

In 1993, two Section member lodges, Tanacharison #67 and Kiausatha #57, merged to become the new lodge Enda Lechauhanne #57. In 1994, a re-alignment of the Section took place once again. This time, Ahtuhquog Lodge #540, joined the Section bringing the total number of lodges in Section NE-5 to ten. In 2001-2002 business year, the Northeast Region re-designated Pennsylvania as Area 4 so the Sections re-aligned again. Section NE-5 became Section NE-4B and lost three lodges: Langundowi #46, Gyantwachia #255, and Ho-Nan-Ne-Ho-Ont #165, bringing the total number of lodges in our Section to seven. Recognizing that coal mining is an industry common to the history of all the lodges in Section NE-4B, the Section name 'Haken Waleck' was taken from the Lenni Lenape words 'To dig coal'. The Section's totem is a coal miner's helmet covering a crossed pick and spade. The spade has an arrowhead as the head and the handle of the pick as two feathers attached to it. The helmet has a fleur-de-lis centered on its profile and has three Ws around it, one on the left, one on the right, and one below it.

At the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) Kuskitannee #168, Ah'Tic #139, and Enda Lechauhanne #57 took the top three places in the nation respectively in the Northern Drum Competition.

In 2008 the Northeast Region, BSA announced yet another re-alignment of its Areas and Sections. Resulting in these changes, Kuskitannee #168 and Ah'Tic #139 were moved from NE-4B to NE-4A.

In 2011 two lodges (End Lechauhanne #57 and Nachamawat #275) merged to create Allohak Menewi #57 and Kuskitannee #168 was reassigned back into the section. In early 2014 Allohak Menewi #57 absorbed Ahtuhquog #540.

Section NE-4B is home to many of the Northeast Region's Strongest and most well represented lodges. With the dedication and spirit of its members, the lodges of NE-4B will continue serving scouting in Southwestern Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland for years to come. NE-4B has been instrumental in providing the National Committee with suggestions on how to implement and improve the new role of the Section. Our youth officers have been involved nationally in the training at NLS and GOL, as well as being selected for various National and Regional officer positions.

The Order of the Arrow

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SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

For more than 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

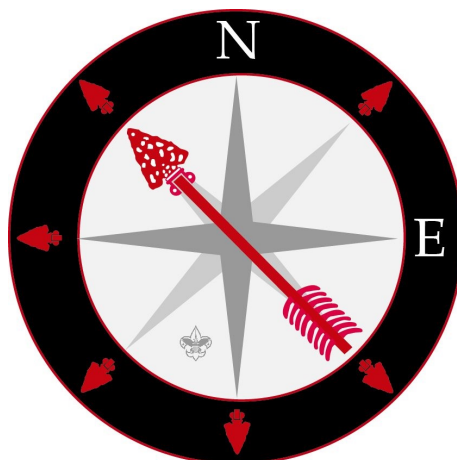
MISSION

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

PURPOSE

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- *Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.*
- *Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.*
- *Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.*
- *Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.*



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HISTORY

The Order of the Arrow was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1998, the Order of the Arrow became recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society when it expanded its reach beyond camping to include broader service to Scouting and the community.

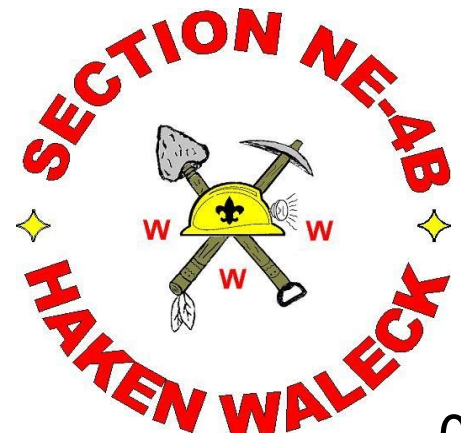
LODGES

An OA lodge helps the local Boy Scout council provide a quality Scouting program through recognition of Scouting spirit and performance, development of youth leadership and service, promotion of Scout camping and outdoor programs, and enhancement of membership tenure. Every Boy Scout council is encouraged to have an Order of the Arrow lodge. Each lodge operates under a charter granted by the National Council, BSA, and must apply annually for its renewal. The Boy Scouts of America will grant a charter to only one lodge per council.

SECTIONS

An Order of the Arrow section consists of lodges within a geographic area of the region. Once every year, representatives of lodges in the section come together for a conclave to share in fellowship, skills, and training. In addition, the section creates a monitoring/mentoring relationship with its lodges, provides leadership development opportunities, fosters understanding and adherence to national OA policies and procedures, and coordinates OA administrative and program functions. A section is lead by three elected youth officers, the section chief, section vice chief, and section secretary, who are advised by an adult section adviser and professional section staff adviser.

Each year the approximately fifty elected section chiefs are invited to a national planning meeting in Dallas, TX. The section chiefs form the conference committee for a national Order of the Arrow event, such as the national Order of the Arrow conference, which is held under the guidance of the national Order of the Arrow committee.



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REGION LEADERSHIP

The region chief is the youth leader elected annually by the section chiefs in his region. This election is held in conjunction with the annual national planning meeting. The region Order of the Arrow chairman is an adult adviser appointed by the region director. The professional adviser for the region is assigned by the region director.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The national chief and vice chief are Arrowmen elected to one-year terms by the section chiefs during the annual national planning meeting. They serve as members of the national Order of the Arrow committee, providing the opinion of youth Arrowmen on national OA policy. They also serve as the presiding officers for the national OA event. They are advised in their responsibilities by the national OA committee chairman and the Order of the Arrow team leader. The national OA committee chairman is appointed annually by the vice president/chairman of the national Outdoor Adventures Group. The professional adviser is the Order of the Arrow team leader, a national professional Scouter.

2017-2018 Section NE-4B Calendars

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October:

1st —COC at Camp Twin Echo at 2:00pm

November:

10th — 12th NLS/DYLC at Camp Alpine

***January:**

14th — CoC at Indiana Eat N Park at 2:00pm

March:

7th-9th NLS/DYLC at Camp Alpine

TBD—Section Fellowship Banquet at **TBD**

April:

20th—22nd NLS at Hidden Valley Scout Camp, Griswold Reservation, Gilmanton Iron Works, New Hampshire

22nd — Coc at Camp Heritage at 2:00pm

CONFERENCE CALLS:

Conference calls will be held at 7:00pm on a as needed bases. Emails will be sent out previously to the COC to inform them of the conference call at least one week in advance. We will try to keep them traditional on Sunday evenings.

**Red font text indicates TENTATIVE meetings, though the dates are not final.*

Section NE-4B Conclave Rotation

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Responsibility	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Service/ Cub Activities	AM	M	K	W	AM
Recreation/ Newsletter	M	K	W	AM	M
American Indian Activities	K	W	AM	M	K
Shows	W	AM	M	K	W

Description of Conclave Program Areas

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SHOWS:

You might say this is the key to Conclave. If the shows are wonderful, then the Conclave is most likely going to be wonderful as well. You should plan two shows: one Friday night and one for Saturday night. The Friday night show is a time for lodge chiefs and advisers to introduce themselves, and also a time for the Section chief to address the crowd. This is also a good time to introduce guests. Keep this show simple. Have a master of ceremonies to introduce speakers and each lodge, but give each chief the opportunity to show off a little by leading their lodge song or cheer. This is also a time to motivate the crowd. Make sure the crowd stays interested.

Saturday night's show is the big one. This show should deal with the theme of the Conclave. You may want to contact someone who has done shows for the National Conference in the past for help in writing, editing, and producing the theme show. This is your chance to really impress the Section and have them leave Conclave talking about Saturday night's show for weeks.

CEREMONIES:

You have the option of either having an Ordeal or Pre-Ordeal competition. Each lodge must provide you with one youth and one adult judge for the competition. Judges should be very knowledgeable in the area of ceremonies and should also be very impartial. The awards you give out are up to you. These are a few suggestions: best overall team, best individual, and best outfits. Judging criteria must be directly adopted from the National Guidelines in the Field operations Guide (FOG).

RECREATION:

Your lodge will need to develop a recreation program and purchase awards. You have practically unlimited options for contests to be held. Some options you may want to consider are: Volleyball, Tennis, Softball, Frisbee, Golf, and Soccer. Keep in mind that you have to make these events interesting and competitive. You need to get in contact with the service lodge to find out what they have available for you to use and then see what you will need to purchase. Don't limit yourself to simply sports games. Take full advantage of everything offered by the camp, i.e....swimming pool, boating, shooting ranges. Awards may be given in the following areas: first, second, and/or third place teams and/or individuals depending on the activity.

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NEWSLETTER COMPETITION:

You need to advise all lodges on your guidelines early in January of the year of the Conclave. Specify the quantity of issues and/or the number of editions that you want them to turn in. Set a limit on the furthest back issue, solicit entries from lodges, and select judges are a couple of the things you will need to do. Judges can be selected either from each lodge, or by contacting more knowledgeable people, such as those on a local newspaper staff. You then need to decide on whether awards will be given to the top three newsletters or just the best overall newsletter.

Your lodge will also be in charge of producing a conclave newsletter throughout the weekend. This newsletter will be distributed to all conclave participants. The newsletter should highlight important events for the day, a schedule, and any other important information pertinent to the Conclave. Distribution times are up to you, but it is best to have one for Saturday's breakfast and supper as well as Sunday's breakfast. Your lodge will also need to get in contact with the service lodge in order to find out whether or not computers, printers/copiers, paper and toners will be supplied for the publishing of this newsletter or whether your lodge will need to bring their own.

NLS and NLATS

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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAININGS



The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development for youth and adults. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life. All Arrowmen with a position in the lodge or who are interested in becoming more active and an overall more effective leader are encouraged to attend.

DYLC

The Developing Youth Leadership Conference was designed to build upon the ideas learned at the National Leadership Seminar and give advisers valuable skills to help mentor youth people. By using familiar terminology and digging deeper into practices taught at NLS, advisers can be better prepared to develop the youth leader with whom they advise.

These seminars will take place, for the most part, at Alpine Scout Camp in Alpine, NJ during the weekends stated in the calendar above. Make sure you submit your registrations early as these programs tend to fill up rather quickly.

2018 OA High Adventure

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WILDERNESS VOYAGE:

For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer. The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew.

TRAIL CREW:

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more. For the first week, participants participate in trail building in the backcountry. Work includes clearing terrain for trail and constructing erosion controls. The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes.

OCEAN ADVENTURE:

The Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure is a unique opportunity to experience the programs at the Florida Sea Base, while providing a new type of service to the Atlantic Ocean. The first week arrowmen will receive extensive training and certification. In the second week participants will spend their time taking wildlife samples in the Florida Keys, performing island restoration and other meaningful projects to the surrounding area.

CANADIAN ODYSSEY:

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience the wild beauty of the Quetico Provincial Park of Ontario, Canada. Like its U.S. counterpart the first week of the program is spent giving back to the Quetico through portage trail restoration work. The second part of the program is a 90 mile trek from Atikokan, Ontario to Ely, Minnesota.

Summit Experience

The Order of the Arrow Summit Experience program is an experience like no other. For 8 days, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Summit in West Virginia has to offer. Four days of the program will be focused on building or maintaining trail around the Summit, and the New River Gorge National River Area. The remainder of the experience will revolve around white water kayaking and rafting, along with mountain biking, climbing, and participation in other Summit activities. Participants will not only build trail, but also bonds of brotherhood as they start their High Adventure journey.

Description of Conclave Program Areas

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CAMP PROMOTIONS COMPETITION AND GUIDEBOOK:

Camp Promotions has the option of holding a competition between the various lodges in the Section. The competition should deal with a slide show, video, or other means of promoting our summer camps to the troops in our respective councils. You will need to advise all lodges on your guidelines early in January of the year of the conclave. You may also think about holding a discussion session on how to improve our camp promotion presentation during one of the training sessions.

The Guidebook is a memento to be handed out at conclave. It should be ready for distribution Friday night. Information that should be included in the Guidebook is as follows: lodge histories, Section history, a roster of all lodge and Section officers, a list of past section chiefs, a map of the camp, and a schedule of the day's events.

DANCE COMPETITION AND INDIAN EVENTS:

Your lodge is in charge of running the dance competition on Saturday evening as well as the singing competition. You may either want to use your own drum or create a Section drum during the Conclave. Each lodge must supply you with one youth and one adult judge. Judges should be knowledgeable in the area of Indian events, and should be impartial. You also have the option of holding training sessions during the Saturday morning training on how to build regalia and other aspects of Indian dancing. Team and individual awards can be given out in the following categories: fancy, traditional, grass, old style, and straight dance, as well as singing and regalia. All judging criteria must be directly adopted from the National Guidelines (see *FOG*).

Past Conclave Themes

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- 1998**—He Who Serve his Fellows is of All His Fellows
Greatest
- 1999**—A New Dawn to Service
- 2000**—Following the Arrow into the Future
- 2001**—Ever Striving, Ever Thriving
- 2002**—Keep the Spirit Aflame
- 2003**—Who Will Go and Spread the Word?
- 2004**—Let Us Try and Find the Arrow
- 2005**—Our Brothers, Our Traditions: United
- 2006**—Let the Arrow Point the Way
- 2007**—Conclave 007, Licensed to Serve
- 2008**—Lenni Lonopoly
- 2009**—Knights in Brotherhood
- 2010**—From the History of Our Past Comes the Path to
Our Future
- 2011**—Follow the Trail that Binds Us In Brotherhood
- 2012**—Olympics
- 2013**—Mario Brotherhood Weekend
- 2014**—Echo the Past
- 2015**—100 Years, Forged in the Flames of Cheerfulness
- 2016**—Game of Chiefs
- 2017**—Building Blocks of Brotherhood
- 2018**—

Resources

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This guide provides details on OA National and Regional Organization, Section Rules, Lodge Assistance Program, and Section Conclave Guidelines. It too can be found

on (www.oa-bsa.org) under publication



The Strategic Plan can be found on the National website (oa-bsa.org) under the National Programs page. It defines leadership, service, and financial support as ways the Order can assist the Boy Scouts of America. The plan outlines methods for local lodges to give increased service to their councils, as well as what the National Committee will do to support the lodges and Scouting in the years ahead.

The Order of the Arrow's Annual Report provides a summary of the OA's activities and programs at the National level. Annual reports for 2001-

2009 may be found on the

National web site. These are great documents to read or to provide to others to show off the great things that the OA accomplishes each year.

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